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February 6, 1946

Dear Scotty:

Thanks very much for your letter. It sounds as though you are getting real results on your survey. It does seem though, doesn't it, that the cultures of the Tampico area didn't extend very far north of that place, as if there had been some trade into an area of distinctly primitive cultures? You may remember that I had a hunch that that would be the case.

The Pueblita site on the other hand seems to indicate a northern extension inland from the coast. I hope you can get to work there. The round stone houses you speak of seem to be like one we dug at Buenavista up near the city of San Luis Potosi. It was merely a circular stone wall with about eight burials inside it and without any floors or other features. I don't know what it was for. On the Laredo-Mexico City highway just south of the crossing of the Tampico river (I believe it is), there is a big site with what I believe are a number of similar mounds.

Your note from Pavon on the codices is terrifically exciting. I would very much appreciate any more information about the find you can supply.

I would appreciate a paragraph or two on your route and preliminary results for Notes and News in American Antiquity whenever you are prepared to send such. I will put in a note on what you are doing, but it will be just a couple of sentences.

Things are normal here. I will not be in Mexico this winter as our baby will not be born until March. I am happy to get down in the summer though if they do hold the Round Table.

Best wishes for continued good luck. My best to Roberto and to Blas Rodriguez if you see him.

Sincerely,

Gordon

Mr. Richard S. MacNeish
General Delivery
Brownsville, Texas

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February 7, 1946

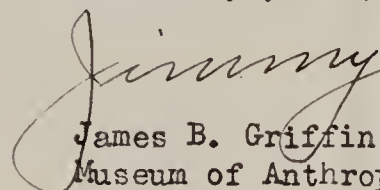
Mr. Richard S. MacNeish
Brownsville, Texas

Dear Scotty:

Thanks very much for your letter from Brownsville, and I am glad that you are interested in the possibility of a position here. Since I wrote to you I have become less optimistic about obtaining the job for the ensuing fiscal year but am submitting a request to the Administration for such a position without naming any specific individual. I had favorable replies from the various men to whom I wrote and in all probability nothing specific will be done about filling the position until I return from Mexico.

I doubt that I will be able to drive down to Brownsville since I have committed myself to a visit to Austin and since it appears that I will take my family in the car with a 4x8 box trailer for our luggage and equipment. Orr is coming down to Austin to be there around the 20th and I understand from Krieger that Campbell and Kelley will have some of the central Texas stuff laid out, as well as material from around Galveston. They suspect that the "30,000" central Texas stuff is eastern archaic. Couldn't you bring some of your material to Austin about the 20th?

Sincerely yours,



James B. Griffin, Director
Museum of Anthropology

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ZACATECAS 218
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México, D. F., a 11 de junio de 1946.

SR. DR. RICARDO MC. NEISH.
Universidad de Chicago.
CHICAGO, ILLS, E. U. A.

Muy estimado Dr. Mc. Neish.

De acuerdo con las indicaciones que usted se sirvió darnos tengo el gusto de informarle que inmediatamente que usted expresó sus deseos para que el Instituto se encargara de remitirle la cerámica y objetos arqueológicos a esa Universidad, se ordenó se tomaran las fotografías, que en número de siete resultaron de los referidos objetos y pedacería de cerámica - arqueológica.

Como era lo único que se necesitaba para hacer los trámites por oficio ante la Dirección General de Aduanas de la Secretaría de Hacienda, para que esta Dependencia conceda el -- permiso de exportación, me es grato participarle que en breves días llegarán a Chicago las cajas que contienen este material, ya que, se han encomendado los trámites para el embarque en la Aduana de esta capital, así como su reexpedición en la Aduana Fronteriza de Matamoros, Tamps., a los señores Agentes Aduanales, Alberto P. Rojas e Hijos de esta capital de acuerdo con las indicaciones que usted se sirvió dar para que se tramitara la salida por la Aduana mencionada. Por lo tanto, me permito adjuntarle a la presente copia del oficio por el que se ha solicitado el correspondiente permiso de exportación.

Atentamente, soy su afectísimo amigo y S.S.

Rafael Herdez Jiménez.

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RICARDO MC NEISH, de la UNIVERSIDAD DE
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México, D.F., junio 4 de 1945.

Director General de Aduanas,
Secretaría de Hacienda y Crédito Público.
Palacio Nacional.
Ciudad.

De acuerdo con un contrato celebrado con el señor DR.
RICARDO MC NEISH, de la UNIVERSIDAD DE CHICAGO, ILLS. E.U.A.,
próximamente se remitirán a la Universidad mencionada, la --
pedacería de cerámica y objetos arqueológicos encontrados por
el citado investigador en las investigaciones arqueológicas --
que llevó a cabo en las zonas respectivas de nuestro país, --
cuyos objetos van contenidos en las fotografías que en dos --
ejemplares de cada una se acompañan al presente.

El arqueólogo comisionado para el caso, ha dictaminado --
que, en virtud de existir innumerables ejemplares de los cita-
dos objetos arqueológicos y pedacería de cerámica en nuestro
Museo Nacional, procede permitir su exportación para la conti-
nuación de los estudios científicos de gabinete, que se lleva-
rán a cabo en los laboratorios de la Universidad de Chicago,
Ills., E.U.A.

Me permito comunicar a usted lo anterior, rogándole con
toda atención, se sirva ordenar al Administrador de la Aduana
de Matamoros, Tamps., que, de acuerdo con lo que estipula la
ley respectiva en vigor, permita la salida de los tantas veces
mencionados objetos arqueológicos, para cuyo efecto se han --
encomendado los trámites respectivos a los señores AGENTES --
ADUANALES ALBERTO P. ROJAS E HIJOS, de esta Capital, agrade-
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der al presente, así como las facilidades que se den a los re-
feridos señores Agentes Aduanales.

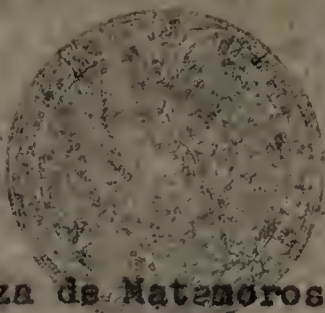
Protesto a usted las seguridades de mi atenta y distin-
guida consideración.

SUFRAGIO EFECTIVO. NO REELECCION.
EL DIRECTOR DE MONUM.PREHISPANICOS.

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ARQ. ENRIQUE JUAN PALACIOS.

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c.c. al C. Administrador de la Aduana Fronteriza de Matamoros,
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October 26, 1950

Dr. Richard S. MacNeish
National Museum,
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Dr. MacNeish:

Your letter of October 16 arrived a few days ago and i have been studying your problem.

I have no copies of any plates illustrating early period material or any material from Uaxactun for that matter since everything is in the hands of the publisher at present. However, I am going to try to forward you some actual samples from our collections.

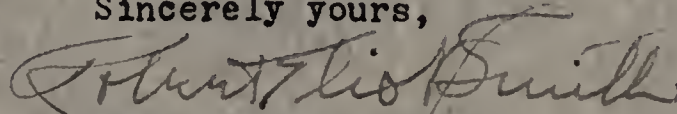
In the meantime if you could send me copies of your two early figurine plates I should be glad to comment on same.

If not included in plates please make profile sketches. It will also help to know the ware in each case.

Do not hesitate to ask for any further information you may require.

The three figurine photos you enclosed are excellent pre-classic types both M84 and M86 appearing to resemble Uaxactun examples and M100 being more like a white ware type from Miraflores, but profiles would help to strengthen or detract from this opinion.

Sincerely yours,


Robert Eliot Smith

October 1, 1954

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Dr. Robert J. Brainerd

National Museum

Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Brainerd:

Your letter of October 15 arrived a few days ago and I have

been studying your problem.

I have no copies of my paper I mentioned some time ago

to you, but I have been looking for that matter since every-

thing is in the hands of the publisher at the moment. However, I am

going to try to turn it in soon. I am sorry that our collection

is the same as the one you sent me a list of. I am sure that

the same is the case. I should be glad to discuss it with you.

It was included in the list of the same type material. It

will also help to show the work in each case.

Do not hesitate to ask for any further information you may

require.

The three drawings of the same type are excellent and

clearly show the same type of work appearing in various locations.

Examples of the same type are also found in the same type of

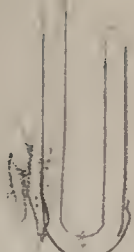
drawings, but possibly the same type of work is not the same

opinion.

Sincerely yours,

Robert J. Brainerd

Robert J. Brainerd



THE SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY

IRVING ROUSE
EDITOR

PEABODY MUSEUM
NEW HAVEN, CONN.

January 15, 1948

Mr. Richard S. MacNeish
Department of Anthropology
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Scotty:

The corrected proof of your Faulkner article and your check for \$9.63 have been received. I presume that the latter is for reprints, and on that assumption, I am returning it to you, since it is not the custom to pay for reprints until we have received our bill for them from the printer. This is particularly necessary in the present case, since our printing costs are due to go up again with the January number, and there is a good chance that you will have to pay for your reprints at a higher rate than that on the slips which were sent to you. I hope you won't mind this, but it will save me a lot of trouble, if you wait until our bill is received.

Enclosed is the latest revision of the paper on Connecticut pottery which I gave at Rochester and at the Wilmington meeting of the Eastern States Archeologic Federation. I wonder if you would be kind enough to read over this and give me your criticisms. You can keep the copy if you think it would be useful in writing your summary of the archeology of the area, but I would like to have you tell me if you find anything in the paper objectionable.

Have you heard from the Viking Fund yet in regard to your return to Northern Mexico? I hope that they have finally come through.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Ben

Irving Rouse

IR: jph

MEXICO CITY
JUNE 20, 1947

DEAR MR. MACNIESH,

I AM A STUDENT AT THE SCHOOL OF ANTHROPOLOGY IN MEXICO AND
AT PRESENT AM WRITING MY THEIS ON PIPES.

UPON THE SUGGESTION OF MY ADVISOR, MISS ISABEL KELLY, I AM
WRITING YOU TO SEE IF YOU RAN ACROSS ANY PIPES OR FRAGMENTS OF
PIPES IN YOUR SHERD COLLECTIONS FROM TAMAULIPAS, MEXICO.

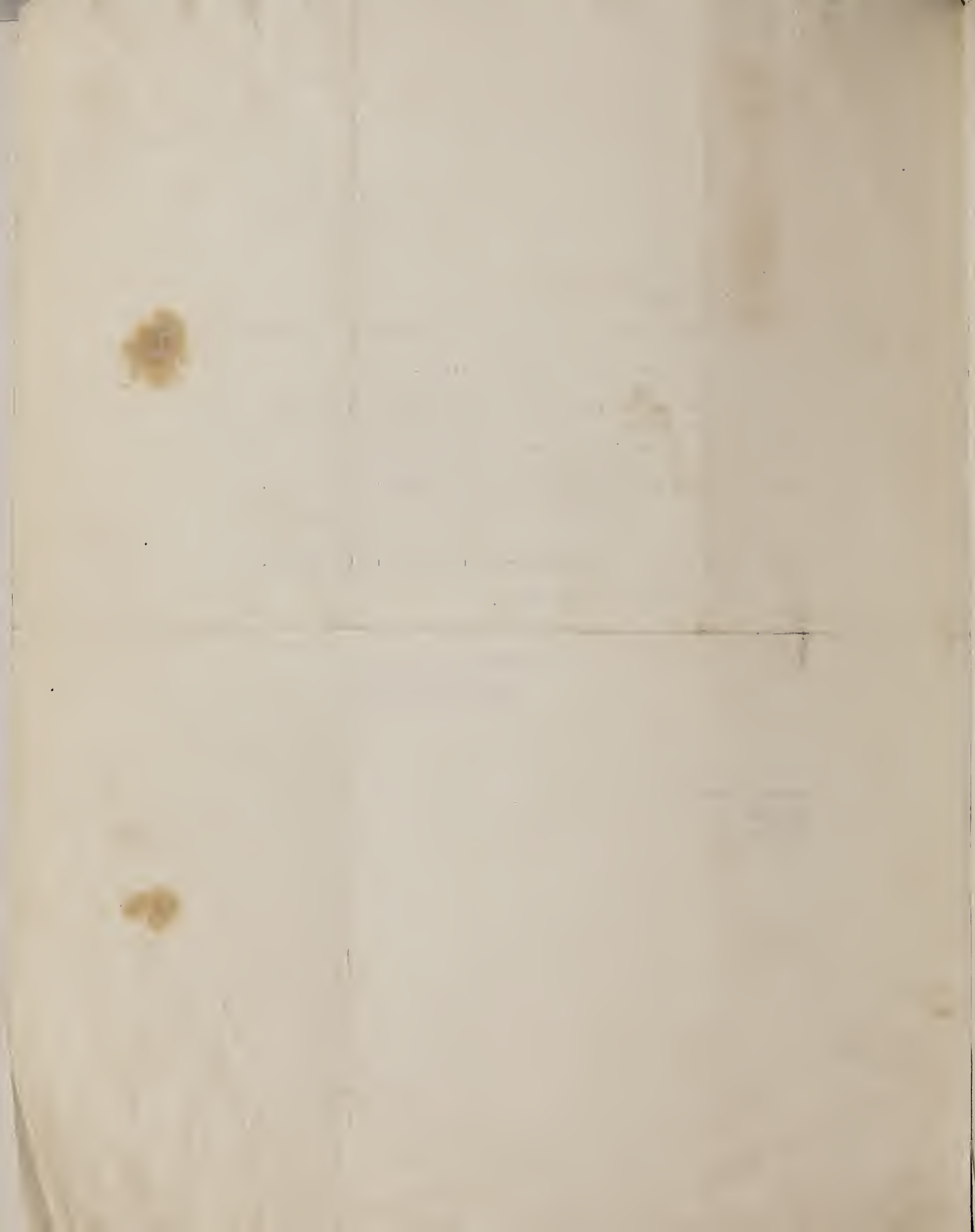
ANY INFORMATION YOU COULD SEND ME I WOULD CERTAINLY
APPRECIATE AS DATA FROM THAT AREA IS EXCEEDINGLY SCARCE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SINCERELY,

Muriel Porter

MURIEL PORTER
MONEDA 13,
MÉXICO, D.F.



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ANTHROPOLOGY

June 23, 1947

Dear Scotty:

Just a note to let you know that Greenman finally was able to replace the stuff that you have, so you don't have to return it.

This letter came for you today, so will stick it in too.

Hope you and June have an enjoyable summer in the field.

John has gone back to Pa., so you will probably see him soon.

No more checks have come in from anyone -- don't know whether you expect them or not.

Will you send me your addresses to be used after this one? This is only to be used until June 29 -- am I right on this point?

Haven't seen Joffre since Sally went home -- suppose he is admiring the baby at last. He hadn't seen it closer than across a room.

Sincerely,

Phyllis (as of June 23)

Phyllis

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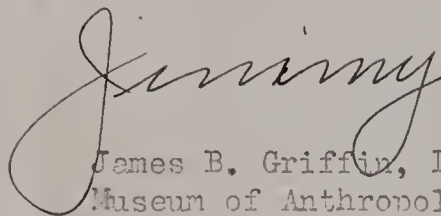
ANTHROPOLOGY

July 1, 1947

Dear Scotty:

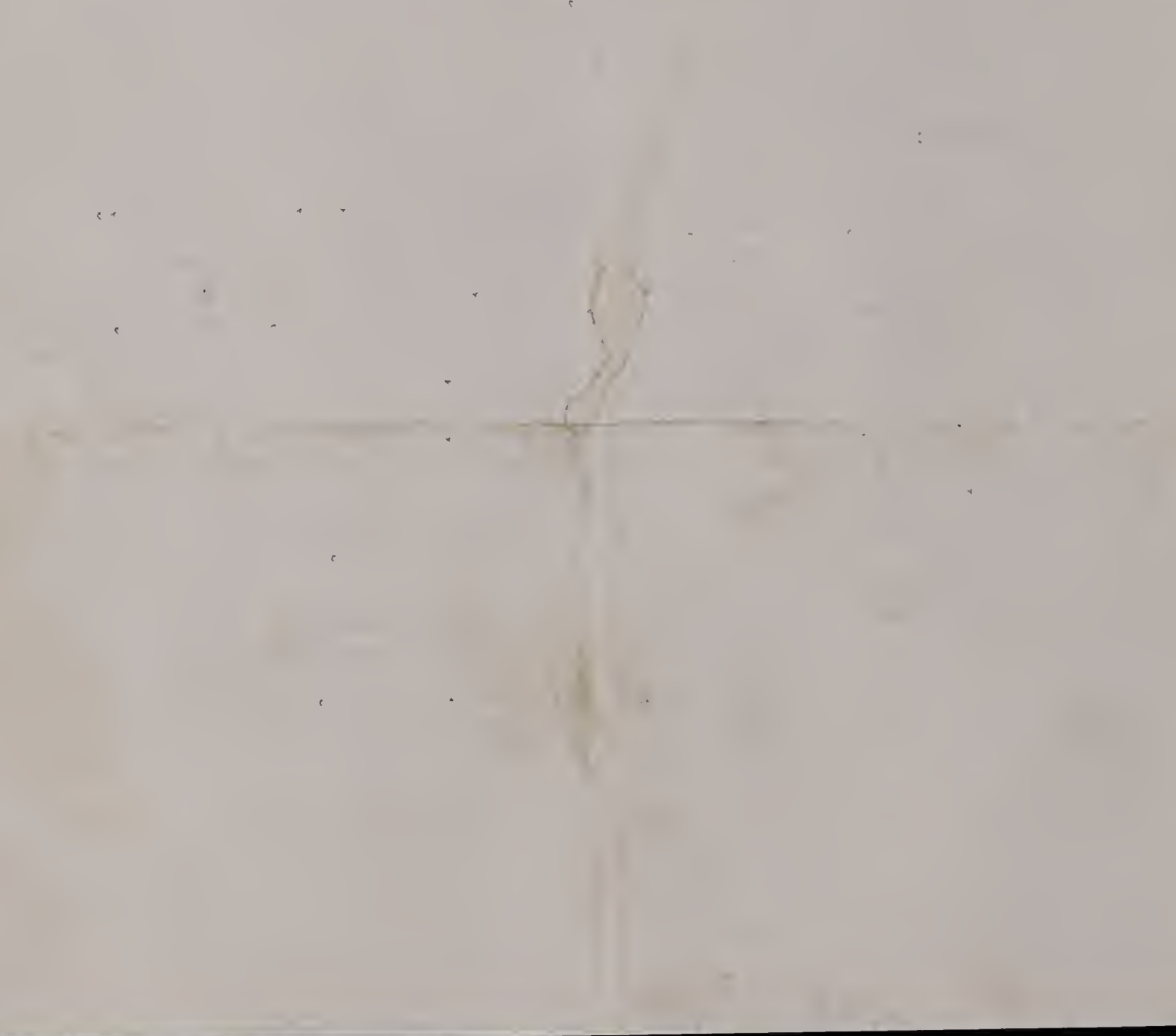
We have just gotten in touch with the Jos. H. Thompson Co., 21 East Michigan, Ypsilanti. Bill Thompson tells me that they have not received your car as yet, and that they would like to again have your specific instructions in regard to the car. He would also like to have either a copy or the letter from the Advertising Manager, I believe, of the Dodge Truck Division, which was written to you in reply to your letter to the President of the Chrysler Corporation. Thompson will then take this into Detroit and talk with the advertising man in an attempt to have your car put together as quickly as possible. Please be sure to give him your return address in case he has any questions to bring up directly with you.

Sincerely yours,

James B. Griffin, Director
Museum of Anthropology

JBG*pmc

THE
OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF THE
NAVY
WASHINGTON, D. C.



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ANTHROPOLOGY

July 1, 1947

Dear Scotty:

I was somewhat surprised to get your telephone call, and for a bit was not sure whether you were in Dansville, N. Y., Danville, Ill., or Danville, Ky.

I have written to Witthoft that you will be in a day or so late. There is still no word from the Viking Fund. If it comes in the next day or so, I will open it and send you a wire in c/o Mason and then forward the letter.

I will have Phyllis call Ypsilanti to find out about your truck, and she will tack a P.S. on the letter.

I am very much pleased with the report of the results of your work, for you should now be able to clearly differentiate between Iroquoian and Delaware-Iroquoian. We certainly would have had a hard time convincing the majority of people that the Iroquoian stuff in the Delaware area was actually Delaware and not Iroquois trade material, unless it could be clearly shown the significant ways in which the Delaware-Iroquoian differed from the Iroquois-Iroquoian.

John will apparently have things lined up for you by the time you reach Philadelphia. The only thing I don't know is whether he has picked up the digging equipment, which, I believe, you were to get from the Historical Commission.

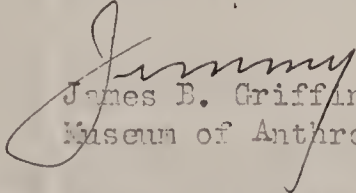
Thank you for reminding me of Bierford's stuff. I will write him as soon as I get through with your letter.

I was interested in your spellings of Canandaigua, for it reminds me of the spelling on the early European maps of the United States.

Krieger's report has been received, and your copy is being mutilated by Lynn Howard.

Spaulding is due to arrive very shortly, and we will move your stuff out of the desk to a box.

Sincerely yours,


James B. Griffin, Director
Museum of Anthropology

P.S. Called the bank, and they gave your balance as \$1,211.49. I had \$1,496.80 -- you must be able to account for the difference. The June deposits were \$240 on June 4, and \$910.63 on June 7.

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ANTHROPOLOGY

May 5, 1947

Mr. Richard S. MacNeish
c/o Prof. Donald Scott
Peabody Museum
Harvard University
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Scotty:

Phyllis sent you some paper with Ceramic Repository letterheads to Rochester, and you should have received it before you left Rochester. I hope Ritchie will be able to forward it to you so that you will have it at Harvard.

I have just received a communication from Scott in which he says: "I was very glad to get your letter of April 29 and to know that MacNeish is to be with us for a while. I talked with Phil Phillips and we have arranged quarters for him here where he can work over and study all the material in which he is interested.

"I shall speak to Dr. Tozzer and we all are prepared to welcome MacNeish with every help we can give."

I believe that you will receive a reasonably warm New England reception, and I certainly hope that they will be interested in your project.

The progress you are making, as recorded in your letter, sounds very impressive, and I feel sure that by the end of the summer, you will be in an excellent spot to aid in the definition of various complexes in the East.

What you say with regard to Ritchie's doubts regarding his paper is very interesting. Bill now has my comments on his paper and a letter accompanying those comments. I recommended to Bill that he might reconsider his plan to publish at this stage and gain the help and co-operation of others interested in the subject. I told him that it would not seem to me that he had defined his types in the same way that most of the people were doing in the Southeast, Mid-West, and to some degree, New England -- and so on and on.

I hope you got my card at Rochester!!!

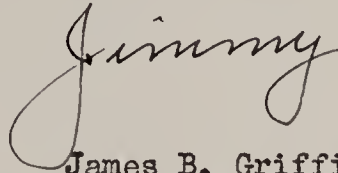
I will show your letter to Witthoft and will be glad to find out where some of these sites are that you mentioned. I hope that you were able to give Emerson and Kidd a shot in the arm about the Black Volume paper. Please give my best regards to Phil, Jo, etc.---and for Christ's sake be a gentleman. Remember Orr.

For some reason, as yet unknown to me, Watson is leaving Oklahoma, and Karl Schmitt is applying for his position.

Will you please find out the site from which P.M.H.U. Cat. No. 48521-3 were obtained?

I have received permission to have you named as a Research Assistant for the summer dig.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jimmy", written in dark ink.

James B. Griffin, Director
Museum of Anthropology

JBG*pmc

August 12
3451 Tremont Ave
Chicago 77

Dear Scotty,

This is to remind you that I never have heard anything
of your pottery descriptions for Opewall. I am trying to get
a chapter polished off and if u treat it safe, and since there
seems to be some discrepancy between what you give me (which I
don't remember off-hand) and what Griffin says I'd like to
pin the stuff down. If you possibly can get something to me this
month. After the last my address will be Dept of Sociology, University
of Illinois.

I hear tell you are digging an Iroquois site. Historic or not?
The dig at Oshtemo is supposed to go back to a row and from what
I hear nobody knows who the Illinois were. The Madisonville stuff
is supposed to be Shawnee, and the higher stuff, so far as I know
is prehistoric, so where do we go from there.

As ever

Don Gray

April 3

Dear Scotty,

I got your plate and your letter regarding the pottery. I have never debated the sequence you proposed about ceramics, though I think you feel that I did. My evidence is primarily on mound complex, and I agree with you completely that the ceramic sequence is what puts the mound complex in chronological order. We are now in substantial agreement about the periods present and their order; I would like to ask the following questions.

First, in Hopewell if we now have both crib burials and pit burials; is there any basis on ceramics for dividing this into two periods; my reason is that such a change in mound complex would presumably indicate either a considerable time span or a strong cultural shift; at it is we would have to, put both extremes of mound construction in the same period.

Second, you say that "floor burial" is typical of period I. As I remember, the only example of floor burial without log crib was in one of the Havana mounds, and you said the evidence was not certain due to the rush you were in at the time. Can this be taken to indicate a real burial type? A log crib or crypt is indicated by one of two signs; either log impressions on the floor around the burial, or by post hole impressions around the burial. Both types are at floor level.

Three; maybe I should wait for your pottery description before asking this, but here it is; you mention for Hopewellian wares,

including apparently all the highly decorated and limestone
tempered wares, only one type, Hopewell Zoned. I know what
you described under that name, but do you extend this in your
analysis to include the related wares or not. Griffin has
named such additional types as Hopewell Zone incised and stamped,
Marksville Zone Stamped, Marksville finger marked etc. If
you are not lumping these together, then what do you think is the
distribution?

I think the best way to handle pottery types from now on
is to use the method of biologists and give type name and originator,
as for instance Weaver Cord Marked (McNeish). I even plan to set up a
few types of my own.

I notice that you start your periods with the appearance
of Havana stamp. When we conferred we were calling "Norton" our
period I. Certainly it is true ceramically, though I know some people
would disagree on the basis that no true Hopewell traits are
present. Do you feel that we should drop the idea of calling
Norton "Hopewell I", and instead call it Norton; or are we going to
apply this term to emphasize the continuity which is obviously
present. You apparently favor limiting Hopewell to the periods
which have the "proper" mound complex.

Sincerely,

Don

[Early correspondence]

